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SUBJECT: LEONARD MARKS VISIT

1. PHOTOS, BIODATA ON MARKS AND SMITH, AND COPIES

ADVISORY COMMISSION'S LAST ANNUAL REPORT SENT BY USIA

AUG 6. HERewith ADDITIONAL INFO ON COMMISSION.

2. IT CREATED BY PUBLIC LAW 87-256, MUTUAL EDUCATIONAL

AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACT OF 1961. PURPOSE: TO "FORMULATE

AND RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT POLICIES FOR EXERCISING

HIS AUTHORITY UNDER THIS ACT AND TO APPRAISE THE

EFFECTIVENESS OF PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT PURSUANT TO IT."

IT ALSO ENJOINED TO SUBMIT TO CONGRESS ANNUAL REPORTS

AND SUCH OTHER REPORTS AS COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE,

AND TO MAKE REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC IN THE UNITED STATES

AND ABROAD TO DEVELOP A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF AND

SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT. IN LINE

WITH THIS OBLIGATION, COMMISSION PUBLISHES QUARTERLY

PERIODICAL, EXCHANGE, COPIES OF WHICH REGULARLY SENT TO

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3. COMMISSION HAS NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT

WITH ADVICE AND CONSENT OF SENATE. THEY "SHALL REPRESENT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND SHALL BE SELECTED FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL

AND PUBLIC SERVICE BACKGROUNDS." IN SHORT, COMMISSION IS INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION, THOUGH OBVIOUSLY IT WORKS CLOSELY WITH DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

4. FORMER MEMBERS OF COMMISSION INCLUDE JOHN GARDNER; THEODORE HESBURGH; WILLIAM TURNER, PRESENTLY AMBASSADOR TO OECD; ABRAHAM SACHAR, FORMER PRESIDENT BRANDEIS; HENRY BABBIDGE, FORMER PRESIDENT U. OF CONNECTICUT.

5. MARKS HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION SINCE MARCH 1974. SMITH HAS BEEN MEMBER SINCE NOVEMBER 1971. KISSINGER

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